

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services – Revenue Department – Allegation of corruption against Sri Kottu Rajappalanaidu, S/o late Narsunaidu @ Narasimhanaidu, 46 years, Village Revenue Officer, Govindapuram Panchayat, Laveru Mandal, Srikakulam District – Sanction of Prosecution - Orders – Issued.

REVENUE(VIGILANCE.VII)DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.1057

Dt.12-10-2009

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O R D E R:

Whereas, Sri Kottu Rajappalanaidu, S/o Late Narsunaidu @ Narasimhanaidu, 46 years, worked as Village Revenue Officer, Govindapuram Panchayat, Laveru Mandal, Srikakulam District from 08.02.2002 to 15.07.2008 and as such, he falls within the category of public servant as defined under section 2 (c) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act, 49 of 1988);

2. And whereas, the Accused Officer demanded a bribe of Rs.1,600/-, from the complainants Sri Karrothu Srinivasa Rao, S/o Challamnaidu, 28 years, and Sri Kolu Ramesh, S/o. Satyam, 18 years, Ijjadapalem Govindapuram Panchayat, Laveru Mandal Srikakulam District for doing the official favour of issuing Pattadar Pass Books and title deed on 14-07-2008 at 14:00 hrs. The complainant along with accompany witness came to the office of the Inspector, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Srikakulam and gave a written report alleging that the complainant No. 1 Sri Korrothu Srinivasarao and his family had purchased agricultural land to an extent of 0.98 cents about one year back in the name of his mother Smt. Korrothu Lakshmamma and got the same registered in her name. About one month prior to the date of report i.e. on 09-06-2008 the complainant-1 Sri Korrothu Srinivasarao met the Tahsildhar of Laveru Mandal in his office and gave an application which was prepared in favour of his mother for issue of Pattadar Pass Book. The Tahsildahr put his signature on the application and directed Sri K.Srinivasa Rao to hand over the same to the Accused Officer Sri K. Rajappalanaidu. Similarly, the father of Sri Kolu Ramesh, complainant No-2, by name Kolu Satyam, S/o Sanyasi also purchased land to an extent of 53 cents at about 10 months ago and got it registered in his name and he also applied for Pattadar Pass Books and the application was submitted to Tahsildhar, Laveru Mandal on 8-5-2008 by complainant No-2, Sri Kolu Ramesh. The Tahsildar, Laveru Mandal put his signature on the application and directed him to hand over to the Accused Officer Sri K. Rajappalanaidu. Accordingly, they met the Accused Officer Sri K. Rajappalanaidu and handed over the applications and Sri K. Rajappalanaidu without issuing the said revenue records, made them move around his office. While the things stood thus, on 14.07.2008 at about 10 AM when Sri Korrothu Srinivasarao along with Sri Kolu Ramesh approached the

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Accused Officer Sri K. Rajappalanaidu at the office of Tahsildar, Laveru and requested him for issue of Pattadar Pass Books, he demanded bribe of Rs.800/- each from them, for issuance of Pattadar Pass Books. When they expressed their inability to pay such huge amount as bribe, the Accused Officer Sri K. Rajappalanaidu did not heed to their request and asked them unless and until the demanded bribe was paid, he would not issue the said revenue records to them.

3. And whereas, Sri Korrothu Srinivasa Rao, S/o Challamnaidu, 28 years, ijjadapalem Village, Govindapuram Panchayat, Laveru Mandal, Srikakulam District and Sri Kolu Ramesh, S/o Satyam, 18 years, Ijjadapalem, Govindapuram Panchayat, Laveru Mandal, Srikakulam District who were unwilling to pay the bribe to Sri K. Rajappalanaidu, approached the Inspector of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Srikakulam District, Vizianagaram Range on 14.07.2008 and gave a written complaint for taking necessary action against Sri Kottu Rajappalanaidu, s/o Late Narsunaidu @ Narasimhanaidu, 46 years, Village Revenue Officer, Govindapuram Panchayat, Laveru Mandal, Srikakulam District. The Inspector, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Srikakulam District, Vizianagaram Range after observing the due procedure, registered the same as a case in Cr.No. 10/RC-ACB/VZM/2008 under sections 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 of Anti-Corruption Bureau, Vizianagaram Range, against Sri Kottu Rajappalanaidu, S/o. Late Narsunaidu @ Narasimhanaidu, 46 years, Village Revenue Officer, Govindapuram Panchayat, Laveru (M), Srikakulam District at 01.40 PM on 15-07-2008 and took up investigation;

4. And where as, it is further alleged that during the course of trap on 15.07.2008 at 17:30 hrs, the complainants Sri Korrothu Srinivasa Rao, S/o Challamnaidu, 28 years, Ijjadapalem Village, Govindapuram Panchayat, Laveru Mandal, Srikakulam District, and the accompanying witness Sri Ramesh proceeded towards to the residential house of the Accused Officer which is situated in Garikipalem outskirts of Ranastalam. The Complainant and the accompanying witness entered into house and enquired with the wife of Village Revenue Officer, Sri K. Rajappalanaidu about her husband. She said that her husband did not yet reach the house and allowed them to sit in entrance room which is used as office room of Village Revenue Officer, Sri K. Rajappalanaidu. Later Sri K. Rajappalanaidu entered into his house, and sat in the chair opposite to them. He re-iterated his earlier demand of bribe of Rs. 1,600/- for doing the official favour for issuing Pattadar Pass books and title deed, and accepted the tainted amount Rs. 1,600/- at about 17:30 hrs with his right hand and on seeing Anti-Corruption Bureau officials he rushed towards rear side of verandah and tore the tainted amount into two pieces and threw into corridor of his house;

5. And whereas, both the hand fingers of Sri K. Rajappalanaidu, outer surface of the corridor on which the tainted amount was collected, yielded positive results when subjected to chemical test in the presence of mediators. The torn tainted amount, resultant solutions and the connected records were seized by the Inspector, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Srikakulam duly attested by him and mediators. The Accused Officer was arrested on 15.07.2008 at 22:30 hrs.

6. And whereas, the above said acts of Accused Officer Sri K. Rajappalanaidu, S/o. Late Narsunaidu @ Narasimhanaidu, 46 years, Village Revenue Officer, Govindapuram Panchayat, Laveru Mandal, Srikakulam District, constitute offences punishable under sections 7 and 13(1)(d) readwith section 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act, 49 of 1988);

7. And whereas, Government of Andhra Pradesh, being the authority Competent to remove the Accused Officer Sri Kottu Rajappalanaidu, S/o Late Narsunaidu, @ Narasimhanaidu, 46 years, Village Revenue Officer, Govindapuram Panchayat, Laveru (M), Srikakulam District, from Government Service after fully and carefully examining the material placed before them with regard to the said allegations and having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, consider that the said Accused Officer Sri Kottu Rajappalanaidu, S/o. Late Narsunaidu @ Narasimhanaidu, 46 years, Village Revenue Officer, Govindapuram Panchayat, Laveru Mandal, Srikakulam District, should be prosecuted in a Court of Law for the above said Offences;

8. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (b) of sub section (1) of section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby accord sanction for prosecution of the said Accused Officer Sri Kottu Rajappalanaidu S/o Late Narsunaidu, @ Narasimhanaidu, 46 years, Village Revenue Officer, Govindapuram Panchayat, Laveru Mandal, Srikakulam District, for the above said offences punishable under section 7 and sub section (2) of section 13 readwith clause (d) of sub section (1) of section 13 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (Act, 49 of 1988) and for any other cognizable offences punishable under any other provision of Law for the time being in force in respect of the said allegation and for taking cognizance of the said offences by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ASUTOSH MISHRA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director General
Anti Corruption Bureau
Hyderabad.

//FORWARDED BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER